

Amendment No. 1 to SB1231

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1231

House Bill No. 1232*

by deleting all language following the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() In addition to the manner in which unexpended balances in the campaign account of a candidate may be allocated under subsection (a), a member of the general assembly may use the funds to:

(1) Pay for lodging expenses or pay for a portion of lodging expenses on the same day the member earns mileage reimbursement and per diem, pursuant to § 3-1-106, if the lodging is necessitated by the normal course of the member's duties and the member is not otherwise eligible for reimbursement for such lodging or the member's reimbursement does not cover the total amount of the lodging expense; and

(2) Reimburse the member for mileage above the mileage for which the member is reimbursed by this state for travel to Nashville, if the additional miles traveled are necessitated by the normal course of the member's duties.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, with regard to any candidate for senate, the limits in §§ 2-10-302(b)(1) and 2-10-302(c)(1)(B) must reset every two (2) years in the same manner the house of representatives limit resets; provided, however, that the candidate has a total of four (4) years to accumulate the total amount allowed by having the limit reset every two

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(2) years. Any candidate running for senate must have the same limits as any candidate in the same race who has accumulated limits under this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) For each legislative day, which is defined as each day the general assembly, or either house thereof, officially convenes for the transaction of business, or for each day in attendance at any such other meeting as described in subsection (a), each member must be paid an expense allowance:

(A) For meals and incidentals in an amount equal to the allowance granted federal employees for such expenses in the Nashville area; and

(B) For lodging in an amount equal to:

(i) The annual average hotel rate for the previous calendar year in the Nashville central business district, as provided by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation or their successor organization; or

(ii) If the rate described in subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) is unobtainable, the allowance granted federal employees for lodging expenses in the Nashville area.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(b)(3), is amended by deleting the following language:

the member shall be reimbursed an expense allowance for lodging equal to the allowance granted federal employees for lodging expense in the Nashville area.

and substituting instead the following:

the member must be reimbursed an expense allowance for lodging in an amount equal to:

(A) The annual average hotel rate for the previous calendar year in the Nashville central business district, as provided by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation or their successor organization; or

(B) If the rate described in subdivision (b)(3)(A) is unobtainable, the allowance granted federal employees for lodging expenses in the Nashville area.

SECTION 5. Section 1 and Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 3 and Section 4 of this act shall take effect November 3, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.